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SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU TO BE UNOPPOSED IN SEPTEMBER PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTION

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1. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE FROM NEWS SERVICES, OVER WEEKEND ALL  
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PARTIES FINALLY CAME TO AGREEMENT, IF SUCH IT CAN BE CALLED,  
THAT ACTING PRESIDENT SPYROS KYPRIANOU WILL RUN UNOPPOSED  
IN SEPTEMBER BY-ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY CREATED BY DEATH OF  
PRESIDENT MAKARIOS. LAST HOLDOUT, CLAFOS CLERIDES, ANNOUNCED  
AUG 13 THAT HIS PARTY, THE DEMOCRATIC RALLY, WOULD NOT CONTEST  
BY-ELECTION. OTHER THREE PARTIES HAD ALREADY AGREED TO UNITE  
BEHIND KYPRIANOU, WHO THUS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE PROCLAIMED

PRESIDENT BY ACCLAMATION IN SEPTEMBER TO SERVE OUT MAKARIOS' TERM EXPRING NEXT FEBRUARY. EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL; MEANWHILE, FOLLOWING BIO SKETCH OF KYPRIANOU IS PROVIDED.

2. SPYROS KYPRIANOU WAS BORN IN LIMASSOL, CYPRUS, ON OCTOBER 28, 1932. HE COMPLETED HIS SECONDARY EDUCATION THERE AND IN 1950 WENT TO LONDON TO STUDY ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE AT CITY OF LONDON COLLEGE AND LAW AT GRAYS INN. HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN 1954. DURING HIS STUDIES IN LONDON HE FOUNDED THE NATIONAL UNION OF CYPRIOT STUDENTS IN ENGLAND, WAS APPOINTED (1952) AS SECRETARY IN LONDON TO THE ETHNARCH (MAKARIOS). DURING THIS PERIOD HE WAS ACTIVE IN PUBLICIZING THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN ENGLAND AND ALSO WORKED AS A JOURNALIST. HE LEFT ENGLAND IN 1956. IN 1956-57 HE SPENT ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS IN NEW YORK AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ETHNARCHY OF CYPRUS, RETURNING TO ENGLAND IN MARCH, 1957, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL 1959, WHEN HE RETURNED TO CYPRUS. HE WAS POLITICALLY ACTIVE UP TO THE DATE OF INDEPENDENCE, AUGUST 16, 1960, WHEN HE WAS SWORN IN AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE. ON AUGUST 22 HE BECAME MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH POSITION HE HELD UNTIL MAY 5, 1972. DURING THIS PERIOD HE TRAVELED WIDELY AND REPRESENTED CYPRUS AT NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS. AFTER HIS RESIGNATION AS FOREIGN MINISTER, HE WITHDREW FROM POLITICS AND PRACTICED LAW UNTIL JULY, 1974, WHEN HE

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RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT, REPRESENTING CYPRUS IN AD HOC CAPACITIES IN LONDON, ATHENS, AND AT THE U.N. IN MAY, 1976, HE ESTABLISHED THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CYPRUS TO CONTEST THE SEPTEMBER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, AND SECURED 21 SEATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE, BY VIRTUE OF WHICH POSTION HE BECAME ACTING PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS UPON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT MAKARIOS ON AUGUST 3.

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